REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 9-10 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is presently amended to include the limitation of previous claim 3. Claims 3, 4 and 9 are cancelled. A new claim 11 is presented having all the features of previous claim 1 and claim 6. The specification has been amended to remove a reference to Appendix 1 and 2. Both appendices are filed as additional pages 13-14 and 15-17 of the specification (Table 0 and 1, respectively). A new abstract is submitted.

Claims 1, 2,5, 9 and 10 were rejected as being anticipated by Hewgill. Claims 1-4, 9 and 10 were rejected as being anticipated by Meyer. However, the examiner suggested to restrict the present claims so as to distinguish them from Meyer. Meyer relates to coal mines and not to oil or gas wells. Following the examiner's suggestion, claim 1 now includes a limitation to oil wells. Claim 1 further includes the elements of previous claim 3 not anticipated by Hewgill. Therefore amended claim 1 should be in a proper form for allowance.

New claim 11 is based on claim 6, which was objected to but deemed allowable if including the features of previous claim 1.

The remaining claims 5, 6 and 10 are deemed patentable as referring to a patentable claim 1.

In the light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant believes that the present application and claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 10-11 are in proper condition for allowance. Such allowance is earnestly requested.

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